Community revitalization projects move forward



City Council continues to forge ahead with redevelopment projects designed to revitalize the community. On March 1, City Council approved the new construction of Riverside's downtown Fire Station # 1 and building improvements to the Riverside Municipal Auditorium. These community facilities enhance the overall quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors.

The new 30,000 square foot, three-story fire house, will have a small museum, office space for fire administration and a high-tech system to alert firefighters to calls. The project will create an estimated 250 construction jobs over a seven month period.

The Riverside Municipal Auditorium project includes replacing the existing roof and important seismic upgrades to the building. The city will close the 1,776-seat auditorium August 1 to begin repairs and will re-open in spring 2012. The project will generate an estimated 220 jobs over the next year.

With the threat of eliminating redevelopment agencies, the City of Riverside could lose its most valuable tool in creating and maintaining community facilities. To learn more about redevelopment and its role in revitalizing the community, visit RiversideCa.gov/Redev

